

MERIDIAN INTERCHANGE PROJECT

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is planning to replace the I-84, Meridian Road Interchange with a new Single-Point Urban Interchange (SPUI).

The new interchange will reduce congestion, improve safety and make way for a fourth lane on I-84. The fourth lane will tie into the existing interstate widening completed by previous GARVEE projects.

ITD and the City of Meridian are working together to determine landscaping, lighting and other aesthetic features for the interchange. The design process is expected to be completed in late 2013.

Background

The current interchange at I-84 and Meridian Road was built in 1965. It links downtown Meridian and the city of Kuna with I-84. In 1965, approximately 15,000 vehicles traveled over, under and on and off the interchange

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each day. Today, that number has increased to over 128,000 vehicles.

ITD conducted an environmental study of the I-84 in the Treasure Valley from Karcher Road in Nampa to Five Mile Road in Boise from 2007 through 2008. The study recommended widening the interstate to four lanes in both directions between Garrity and Meridian. In order for additional lanes to be added to the interstate, all of the interchanges needed to be replaced.

The Robinson and Black Cat bridges were replaced in 2009 and the Garrity and Ten Mile interchanges were replaced in 2011. I-84 was widened between Meridian and Franklin interchanges in 2010 and 2012.

Community Involvement

ITD will involve property owners, businesses and the public throughout the design and construction process. To stay informed and involved:

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2013 2014
SUMMER FALL WINTER/SPRING

Complete preliminary design plans

Work with property owners and businesses Present design plans to the public

Finalize design plans

Begin construction





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Funding

In 2011, there was a savings of \$80 million in the GARVEE program. Savings came from competitive construction bids and ITD's efficient program management. The Idaho Transportation Board decided to invest the savings in highway improvements. Through a statewide evaluation process, this project was chosen based on the criteria of project readiness, pavement and structure conditions, congestion and safety factors. The I-84, Meridian Road Interchange will cost approximately \$40 million to design and build. ITD will also be replacing the Broadway and Gowen interchanges in Boise.





